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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ATLANTIC TREATY
ASSOCIATION (ATA)

1. ON SEPTEMBER 28, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE FRENCH
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY (FAAC) TOLD POL COUNS
THAT HE IS ENCOURAGED BY "INCREASINGLY POSITIVE" ATTITUDE
OF GOF TOWARDS FAAC AND ATA. IN EARLY 1960'S SOURCE SAID
FAAC RECEIVED FUNDS (ON INFORMAL BASIS) FROM PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE. ABOUT 1966 FUNDS WERE CUT OFF. RECENTLY, THEY HAVE
BEEN REINSTITUTED.

2. LAST WEEK, SOURCE SAID HE AND SEVERAL OTHERS FROM FAAC
CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER MESSMER TO ASK WHETHER GOF WOULD
OBJECT TO ATA HOLDING ITS ASSEMBLY (NOT THE NEXT ONE BUT
THE ONE AFTER) IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS IN FRANCE. THEY STRESSED
TO MESSMER THAT NOT WISHING TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR GOF,
THEY WOULD PROPOSE HOLDING ASSEMBLY IN A PROVINCIAL CITY.
PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD PREFER ASSEMBLY
TO BE HELD IN PARIS. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR COMMENT THAT
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IT WOULD BE EXPENSIVE TO HOLD IT IN PARIS, PRIME MINISTER

SAID THAT FAAC COULD COUNT ON WHATEVER FUNDS WOULD BE
NECESSARY.
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